

Lay Buddhists Who Have Taken Eight Precepts Leading Chanting and Giving Panca Sila (Five Precepts) in Buddhism

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In BGKT Buddhist Group of Kendal (Theravada) Lay Buddhists who have received Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu are able to lead chanting and give Panca Sila (Five Precepts). This is explained in the booklet *Requirements and Ceremonies Ceremonies for the Five Precepts (Panca Sila), The Eight Precepts with Right Livelihood as the Eighth (Ajivatthamaka Sila), Dhamma Teachers Certificate*, issued by the Buddhist Group of Kendal (Theravada) and Ketumati Buddhist Vihara at Wesak 2006) 2006.

“Requirements for formally requesting the Ajivatthamaka Sila from a Senior Bhikkhu of the Maha Sangha

If no Bhikkhu, Bhikkhuni or Ayya is present, the most senior Lay Buddhist who has taken the Ajivatthamaka Sila may give the Five Precepts to lay people at any Buddhist meeting. (Seniority is determined according to the Theravada convention.) They must wear white, cream or beige clothes and also the sash which was presented to them by their Preceptor. These symbols help identify them as someone who has been authorised by the Maha Sangha to give the Five Precepts to lay people.”

Puja

BGKT Buddhist Group of Kendal (Theravada) meetings start with a Puja.

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BUDDHA VANDANA (HOMAGE TO THE BUDDHA)

The Lay Buddhist who has received Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu, who is leading the meeting says recite the Homage. The other Lay Buddhists recite the Homage.

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato samma sambuddhassa!
Namo tassa bhagavato arahato samma sambuddhassa!
Namo tassa bhagavato arahato samma sambuddhassa!

TISARANA (THE THREE REFUGES)

The Lay Buddhist who has received Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu, who is leading the meeting recites each line one at a time. The other Lay Buddhists recite the line one at a time after the Lay Buddhist who has received Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu.

Buddham saranam gacchami
Dhammam saranam gacchami
Sangham saranam gacchami

Dutiyam pi Buddham saranam gacchami
Dutiyam pi Dhammam saranam gacchami
Dutiyam pi Sangham saranam gacchami

Tatiyam pi Buddham saranam gacchami
Tatiyam pi Dhammam saranam gacchami
Tatiyam pi Sangham saranam gacchami

PANCA SILA (THE FIVE PRECEPTS)

The Lay Buddhist who has received Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu, who is leading the meeting recites each Precept one at a time. The Lay Buddhists taking Five Precepts recite each Precept one at a time after the Lay Buddhist giving The Precepts.

Panatipata veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Adinnadana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Kamesu miccacara veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Musavada veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Sura meraya majja pamadatthana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami

AJIVATTHAMAKA SILA (THE EIGHT PRECEPTS WITH RIGHT LIVELIHOOD AS THE EIGHTH)

The Lay Buddhist who has received Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu, who is leading the meeting and other Lay Buddhists who have received the Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu recite the Eight Precepts in Pali together.

Panatipata veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Adinnadana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Kamesu micchacara veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Musavada veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Pisunavaca veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Pharusavaca veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Samphappalapa veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami
Micchajiva veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami

End of the Meeting Mangalas (Blessings)

The Lay Buddhist who has received Eight Precepts from a Senior Bhikkhu, who is leading the meeting, recites Mangalas (Blessings) in Pali at the end of the meeting. If they wish to do so they can also recite these in English.

weblink <https://www.buddhistgroupofkendal.co.uk/mangalas-blessings/>

MANGALAS

Bhavatu sabbamangalam
Rakkantu sabba devata
Sabba Buddhanubhavana
sadasotthi bhavantu te

Bhavatu sabbamangalam
Rakkantu sabba devata
Sabba Dhammanubhavana
sadasotthi bhavantu te

Bhavatu sabbamangalam
Rakkantu sabba devata
Sabba Sanghanubhavana
sadasotthi bhavantu te

SADHU – SADHU – SADHU

BLESSINGS

May all blessings be yours
May all devas protect you
By the power of all the Buddhas
may happiness ever be yours

May all blessings be yours
May all devas protect you
By the power of all the Dhammas
may happiness ever be yours

May all blessings be yours
May all devas protect you
By the power of all the Sangha
may happiness ever be yours

SADHU – SADHU – SADHU

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